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June 7, 1989

Lam Nguyen, Remedial Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Nguyen:

Enclosed for you information is the "Notice of Opportunity to Comment" for the proposed plan for the Monticello Vicinity Properties superfund site. Notice dates are tentative, predicated on concurrence of the "Proposed Plan." When all concurrences are received, the Notice will run in two consecutive issues of the San Juan Record, Monticello, Utah. We will, of course, coordinate the public meeting date with you and Ali Joseph, your Community Relations Coordinator.

If you have any comments on the Notice, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Peter Mygatt
Office of External Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: A Joseph - EPA
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

DOE'S PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE MONTICELLO VICINITY PROPERTIES (MVP) SUPERFUND SITE Public Comment Period: June 30 to July 30, 1989

The U.S. Department of Energy is seeking public comment on the proposed plan to relocate contaminated material from the properties in the vicinity of the Monticello millsite to a temporary repository at the millsite and to perform remedial action (cleanup) of uranium mill tailings contaminated properties. The contaminated material deposited at the millsite then becomes part of the Monticello Millsite Remedial Action Project (MRAP) for safe disposal.

Proposed Plan

The MVP Project proposes to reduce the potential hazard using the following methods:

1. Conducting radiological surveys of authorized properties to define and document tailings involvement, including compiling all the radiological data needed for design purposes.
2. Performing a radiological engineering assessment of each property and recommending the most appropriate remedial action plan for each property.
3. Performing remedial action of each property.
4. Preparing a completion report on each property and submitting the report to the DOE for certification of remedial action. Contaminated materials from the offsite properties will be managed and disposed of to conform with the cleanup standards for uranium processing sites set forth in 40 CFR 192 (EPA final standards) that have been deemed relevant and appropriate to the MVP project.

Ninety Vicinity Properties in Monticello, Utah have been authorized for remedial action. As of September 1988, 53 properties have been completed. Remedial action on the remaining properties is scheduled through September 1991, with certification activities occurring through September 1992. This project is a listed National Priority List (NPL) site and is subject to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act/Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (CERCLA/SARA) regulations.

Review Documents

Your comments on the proposed plan will be considered before DOE makes a decision on the final plan. Public comments will be formally addressed in the Responsiveness Summary and included in the Record of Decision. Documents describing the proposed plan for the Monticello Vicinity Properties will be available for public review from June 30 through July 30, 1989 at the following locations:

San Juan County Public Library
30 North Main Street
Monticello, Utah 84535

State of Utah Department of Health
298 North 1460 West, 3rd Floor
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

U.S. EPA Region VIII Library
999 18th Street, 2nd Floor
Denver, CO 80202

The Administrative Record for the MVP will be available for public review at the San Juan County Public Library.

Public Meeting

A public meeting has been scheduled to discuss the proposed plan. DOE will make a short presentation about Proposed Plan at 7:00 P.M.

7-9 P.M., Thursday, July 5, 1989
Commissioners' Room
San Juan County Courthouse
117 North Main Street
Monticello, Utah
(801) 587-2291

Additional Information

Questions or written comments on the proposed plan may be directed to:

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